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36. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout for a container for liquid, said spout comprising:

outer tubular means;

inner tubular means with an inner passage to facilitate said liquid from the container to the exterior, said inner tubular means being partly or totally integrated in said outer tubular means and said means being movable in relation to each other;

a stick including closing means at one end for closing or opening said inner passage by movement of said outer or inner tubular means in relation to each other, said stick including closing means being movable from a first defined position where said inner passage is closed to one or more further positions at least one of which is defined and at least one of which is a second defined position where said inner passage is open; and

a movement area of a pin cooperating with each other to provide for at least the following principles of usage:

maintenance of said outer and inner tubular means in relation to each other in said first defined position where said inner passage is closed,

maintenance of said outer and inner tubular means in relation to each other in said second defined position where said inner passage is open, and

free movement of said outer and inner tubular means in relation to each other at least between said first and second defined positions.

37. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36 wherein said inner tubular means is connected to the container by entering into an opening of said container or by surrounding a rim of an opening of said container or by being attached to an edge of the rim of said container.

38. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein said spout includes a section

comprising an opening with a rim for pouring to the exterior, said section being opposite the section comprising an opening into the interior of the container and said openings each defines a beginning of said inner passage.

39. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 38, wherein said closing means is configured for closing and opening at one of said two openings.

40. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein a container connection section comprises sealing means including O-rings or rims in rubber or rubber-like material.

41. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein said stick is connected to said outer or inner tubular means with holding or connection means comprising one or more openings.

42. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 41, wherein said one or more openings in said holding or connection means is part of said inner passage.

43. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 42, wherein said stick is positioned in a center of said inner and/or outer tubular means along a centre line of said inner and/or outer tubular means.

44. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 43, wherein said stick is transversally held in place by holding means extending from an inner surface of said inner tubular means, said holding means allowing the stick to move in a longitudinal direction.

45. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 44, wherein said holding means comprises at least one ring or similar shaped means connected to said inner surface of said inner tubular means with supporting arms.

46. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 44, wherein said outer tubular means is

movable in the longitudinal direction in relation to said inner tubular means and by a circular movement around said centre line.

47. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein said movement area is defined by at least one opening included by said outer tubular means and said at least one pin being connected to an outer surface of said inner tubular means.

48. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein said movement area is defined by at least one recess included by said inner tubular means and said at least one pin being connected to an inner surface of said outer tubular means.

49. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout according to claim 47, wherein said movement area comprises at least two openings or recesses being perpendicular or parallel to a centre line of said inner or outer tubular means.

50. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout according to claim 49, wherein a first and further openings or recesses are perpendicular to each other forming one or more successive S shapes.

51. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout according to claim 49, wherein said movement area comprises a first and third opening or recess being perpendicular to the centreline and establishing two defined positions for said stick including closing means having an opened and closed position for said inner passage.

52. (Previously Presented) Pouring spout according to claim 51, wherein said first and/or third opening or recess comprise at least one bulge securing said at least one pin in one of said defined positions.

53. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 41, wherein said stick further comprises at least one controlling rod movably held in one or more of said holding or connection means.

54. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 53, wherein said at least one controlling rod is positioned between said stick and an inner surface of said inner tubular means.

55. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein said inner and outer tubular means comprise activating means such as spring or magnetic means or combinations of the two.

56. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 55, wherein said activating means includes spring activating means acting against an interior surface of said inner and outer tubular means, or against an interior surface of said inner tubular means and said holding means, or against an interior surface of said tubular means and said connecting means.

57. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 55, wherein said activating means includes spring activating means acting against at least two surfaces of said spout such as
an inner surface of said inner tubular means and an outer surface of said outer tubular means,
an outer surface of said inner tubular means and an inner surface of said outer tubular means,
an inner surface of said inner tubular means and an upper surface of said outer tubular means,
surfaces of said holding means and said connecting means,
a surface of said material sensible to magnetic fields and an lower surface of said outer tubular means,
or surfaces of said sliding holding means and lip or resting points.

58. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 55, wherein said activating means includes magnetic material in connection with said stick and material sensible to magnetic fields in connection with said inner tubular means or vice versa.

59. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 55, wherein said activating means

includes magnetic material in connection with said stick and material sensible to magnetic fields in connection with said inner tubular means or vice versa and spring activating means acting against an interior surface of said inner or outer tubular means and a surface of said connection means in order to force said stick including closing means toward a closing position of said inner passage.

60. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein some or all means of the pouring spout such as said inner and outer tubular means are made in a plastic material or any material capable of being moulded, extruded, milled or similarly modified.

61. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein said closing means are made in a rubber material or other similarly flexible material.

62. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 36, wherein a surface of said spout comprises an adaptor for holding a normal closing means of the container.

63. (Withdrawn) Pouring spout according to claim 62, wherein said adaptor comprises a rim and a screw thread corresponding to a cap of the container.

64. (Previously Presented) Container for containing a liquid being pourable through at least one opening in said container, where said container includes a pouring spout according to claim 36, for controlling a pouring of said liquid through said at least one opening.

65. (Withdrawn) Container according to claim 64, wherein said pouring spout is an integrated part of said container or a separate part mounted on said container.

66. (Withdrawn) Container according to claim 64, wherein said pouring spout is a separate part mounted on said container with an adapting means in between the spout and a neck or opening of said container for adapting diameters of said spout and neck or opening.

67. (Previously Presented) Method of controlling liquid pouring from a container with

a pouring spout, said method comprising:

moving an outer or inner tubular means of the pouring spout in relation to each other;

moving a stick including closing means of the pouring spout between at least the following positions:

a first defined position closing a liquid passage of the spout by said closing means being forced against an opening of the liquid passage,

a second defined position in which the liquid passage of the spout is open by said closing means being held at a distance from said opening of the passage, and

at least one further position allowing said closing means to move freely between said first and second defined position; and

providing for maintaining said stick including closing means of the pouring spout in one of said defined positions by providing said pouring spout with a movement area and a pin cooperating with each other.

68. (Previously Presented) Container according to claim 36, wherein said container comprises a beverage containers such as a bottle containing milk, juice, lemonade, wine, beer or soft drink, and drinks comprising carbon dioxide.